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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Oakland House,
Victoria Road,
West Hartlepool.

18th September, 1951.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the health and vital statistics of your area for the year ended 31st December, 1950.

Estimated population of your district - 8,940

Extracts from Vital Statistics

		Males	Females	Total	Birth Rate 16.5
Live Births -	Legitimate	73	68	141	
	Illegitimate	1	2	3	
		74	70	144	
Still Births -	Legitimate	1	3	4	
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	
		1	3	4	
Infantile Deaths-	Legitimate	3	2	5	
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	
		3	2	5	

Rate per 1,000 live births - 34.

The birth rate of 16.5 per 1000 of our population compares favourably with a rate of 15.8 for the country as a whole.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is lower than for 1949 when it was 42.6 per 100 births.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the country is 29.8 per 1000 births.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, lungs, bronchus	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	3	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	6
Coronary disease, angina	10	3
Hypertension with heart disease	-	2
Other heart disease	7	13
Other circulatory disease	-	5
Influenza	1	2
Pneumonia	3	5
Bronchitis	1	1
Other diseases of resp. system	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	8	8
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	1	3
Suicide	-	-
Homicide & operations of war	-	-
Total	50	52

Death rate 11.4 per 1000

A death rate of 11.4 per 1000 compares with one of 11.6 for England and Wales.

DISEASE

	Cases Notified	Cases removed to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	9	5	-
Chicken Pox	1	-	-
Pneumonia	13	1	8
Erysipelas	2	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	94	-	-
Measles	75	-	-
Meningitis	1	1	-
Bacillary Dysentery	1	-	-
Total	197	7	8

Age Groups of Attack

	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	-	5	2	-	-	1	-	9
Chicken Pox	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	7	13
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	6	11	17	16	13	30	1	-	-	-	-	94
Measles	5	5	17	9	12	25	2	-	-	-	-	75
Meningitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bacillary Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
										Total		197

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases Pulmonary M	New Cases Pulmonary F	New Cases Non-Pulmonary M	New Cases Non-Pulmonary F	Deaths Pulmonary M	Deaths Pulmonary F	Deaths Non-Pulmonary M	Deaths Non-Pulmonary F
0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5-15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	(age unknown)
15-25	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
25-35	2	-	-	-	(age unknown)		-	-
34-45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-55	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-65 & over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total	7	-	-	1	3	-	-	1

There has been a big increase in the number of notifications of communicable disease. This has been due to an epidemic of whooping cough and measles. In both cases the epidemic was of a mild type - no cases required removing to hospital and there was not a single death.

Diphtheria Immunisation Fiftynine children were immunised and, in addition, sixteen others who had already been immunised, received a "boosting" does attaining school age. As we have about 140 births a year, these figures are rather disturbing. Despite intensive publicity, you will see that only about 35% of children are being protected against this dread disease

Ambulance Facilities Complete ambulance facilities for the area for all classes of cases have been provided by the County Council during the year.

Water supply and drainage
Public Cleansing
Eradication of Bed Bugs
Closet Accommodation
Camping Sites
Housing

are dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector in his report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlement,
Your obedient Servant

(Signed) G. S. MATHER

M.B., Ch.B.(Aberd.) D.P.H. (Cantab.)
Medical Officer of Health.

STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT of the Sanitary Inspector for the year ended 31st December, 1950

To the Chairman and Members of the

Stockton Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

WATER SUPPLY

A new main was laid by the Tees Valley Water Board from Whinney Hill Nurseries up to Fox Hill Farm thus giving an ample water supply to farms in this district.

With very few exceptions water is supplied throughout the area by the Tees Valley Water Board and the Hartlepools Gas and Water Company and those supplies have been of good quality.

DRAINS AND SEWERS

A new length of sewer was constructed in the parish of Greatham along West Row and new sewers were constructed at Thorpe Thewles and Dalton Piercy to take the drainage from new housing estates.

Sewers at Longnewton and Preston were choked and were cleared without any undue delay and generally all sewers and drains have been satisfactory throughout the district.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

The sewage disposal works at Carlton, Stillington and Newton Bewley have worked satisfactorily.

Authority for proceeding with the schemes for sewage disposal in the parishes of Elwick, Hart, Dalton Piercy, Greatham, Whitton, Redmarshall, Grindon and Longnewton is still awaited.

The septic tanks at Longnewton, Hart and Elwick have had constant attention throughout the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection of refuse throughout the whole of the area is carried out by the Council's own employees. With two wagons and only four men this work has been carried out in a satisfactory manner. A number of conversions from ashpits to bins was made, and several conversions to the water carriage system were carried out during the year.

HOUSING

During the year 36 Council houses have been built and occupied, those being 16 at Whitton, 8 at Dalton Piercy, 4 at Longnewton, 2 at Elmwood Road, Preston and 6 at Thorpe Thewles.

During the year 10 houses have been built under private licences.

There were 9 houses demolished by the owners in Stillington and the families re-housed in the Council's new houses.

Preliminary notices served on many owners throughout the district have all been complied with without any further action.

WATER SAMPLES

Water samples were taken from farms and houses and remedial action was effected where necessary.

REGISTRATION OF SHOPS TO SELL ICE CREAM

Shops in most villages have been registered to sell packed ice cream.

CAMP SITES

No. of sites which were used for camping purposes during 1950 - 6.

No. of sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936. - Nil.

Estimated number of campers resident during the summer season - 60.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Number of Council houses infested	1
Number of other houses infested	6
Number of other houses disinfested	6

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. W. T. BROWN

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

Cromer Lodge,
Yarm Lane,
Stockton-on-Tees.

2nd October, 1951.